UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 11/25/66

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT;
WARREN COMMISSION REPORT;
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a copy of the statement by the Director which was sent by him under date of 11/23/66 to Mr. Sid Epstein of "The Washington Evening Star." It will be noted that a cover statement has been added setting forth the circumstances of the inquiry received by Mr. Hoover from Mr. Epstein for a statement and the Director's response thereto. It was prepared in this fashion so that it could be given to other news sources after it appeared in "The Washington Evening Star" and they could use it without attributing it to "The Washington Evening Star."

Immediately after the appearance of Mr. Hoover's statement in "The Washington Evening Star," copies of the attached were furnished to Associated Press, United Press International, "The Washington Daily News," "New York Daily News" and the U. S. Information Agency, all Washington, D. C.

It is noted that the above distribution of this item was previously discussed by Mr. Wick with Mr. Cliff Sessions, Information Officer of the Department, and it was approved by Mr. Sessions.

Immediately following publication of the Director's statement in "The Washington Evening Star," and on the wire services, my office was swamped with calls. Representatives of the National Broadcasting Company, American Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, and the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, as well as radio stations WBAL, Baltimore, and WEAM, Washington, called asking whether Mr. Hoover or a representative of the Bureau would record the statement on tape for broadcast by their facilities. They were advised that it was preferred not to make such a recording since the statement of Mr. Hoover did not lend itself to this type of handling.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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